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Auction sales of arrack shops.

*1508 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) in which districts, auction sales of arrack shops have recently been held;

(b) whether the rentals have increased in all districts or gone down anywhere; and

(c) what is the percentage of increase or decrease in each of the districts?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Auction sales of arrack shops for the lease of 1930–31 have been completed in the districts of Madras, Ramnad, Tinnevelly, the Nilgiris and Salem. The results of the sales in these districts are given below:—

Districts.	Rentals (annual). 1930-31.	1929-30.	Percentage of increase or decrease.
	RS.	RS.	PER CENT.
Madras	7,22,400	7,37,760	— 2
Ramnad	1,75,260	1,87,020	— 6
Tinnevelly	2,69,148	2,98,788	— 10
Nilgiris	2,51,400	2,16,660	+ 16
Salem	2,22,924	2,08,344	+ 7

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know when the sale of arrack shops is expected to be finished in other districts?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"The sales are now going on and they will be finished before the end of March."

Regulation of the sale of liquor in clubs.

*1509 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what action Government have taken or contemplate taking to enforce the section in the Abkari Amendment Act of 1929 (passed on my Bill) regarding the regulation of the sale of liquor in clubs?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Medical

Appointment of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

*1510 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the officers who held the post of Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras during the last six years;

(b) the period for which each such officer held office;

(c) the average term for which a Surgeon-General held the post during the years prior to the six years mentioned above;

(d) whether it is proposed to appoint a new officer; and

(e) whether the Local Government have any voice in filling up the post of the Surgeon-General?